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WIFA Releases Technical Assistance Intended Use Plan for Funding Cycle 2005

PHOENIX – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona Chairman and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Owens today released WIFA’s Technical Assistance Intended Use Plan for funding cycle 2005.

In the TA IUP WIFA awarded \$766,000 in technical assistance funding for the 2005 funding cycle - \$500,000 in drinking water technical assistance grants and \$266,000 in grants for wastewater technical assistance. From the \$500,000 in drinking water technical assistance, \$150,000 will be used by ADEQ for operational technical assistance.

Arizona municipalities, public water systems and Indian communities applied for funding by completing a Technical Assistance Priority List application. WIFA will fund 15 drinking water technical assistance projects for the 2005 funding cycle. WIFA will fund 12 clean water technical assistance projects for the 2005 funding cycle.

“WIFA is very pleased to award technical assistance grants to the communities most in need of this funding to update their water and wastewater systems,” said Owens. “Technical assistance sets the stage for a successful renovation of a system.”

The TA IUP describes WIFA’s use of various sources of funding to support three types of technical assistance during Technical Assistance Funding Cycle 2005:

- Project Technical Assistance – WIFA will assist an individual drinking water or wastewater system with planning, designing and developing infrastructure.
- Policy Technical Assistance – WIFA will develop and distribute guidance or perform related activities to benefit a wide range of drinking water and wastewater systems.
- Operational Technical Assistance – ADEQ will assist individual drinking water systems in improving day-to-day operations.

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Communities receiving drinking water technical assistance grants include the city of Benson, Mountain Glen Water Service, Inc. in Clay Springs and Walden Meadows Community Co-op in Kirkland. The city of Benson and Mountain Glen Water Service, Inc. will use the grants for studies on arsenic removal. Walden Meadow Community Co-op will use the grant for a study on modernization and expansion of their current drinking water system.

Communities receiving clean water technical assistance grants include the town of Florence and the Yavapai-Apache Nation Economic Development Authority. The town of Florence will use the grant to create a wastewater master plan. The Yavapai-Apache Nation Economic Development Authority will use the grant for the Middle Verde Joint Wastewater Master Plan which combines the current treatment facilities of 10 entities in Yavapai County to create a regional wastewater treatment facility. Partners in the regional wastewater project include Yavapai County, U.S. Forest Service, Camp Verde Unified School District and the Camp Verde Sanitary District.

“The Technical Assistance Intended Use Plan for funding cycle 2005 offers communities a variety of options and funds,” said WIFA Executive Director Jay Spector. “We are proud of our technical assistance program and look forward to helping communities during the 2005 funding cycle.”

The Technical Assistance Intended Use Plan can be found on WIFA’s Web site (www.azwifa.gov).